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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE RE SECRETARY'S PEKING VISIT

REF: TEHRAN 7843

1. IN ADDITION TO MATERIAL PROVIDED IN STATE 210558, YOU  
MAY PROVIDE SHAH WITH FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS ON THE  
SECRETARY'S VISIT TO PEKING.

2. TALKS WERE WIDE-RANGING AND MARKED BY FRANKNESS AND  
HEALTHY GIVE-AND-TAKE WHICH BOTH SIDES COMMENTED ON FAVOR-  
ABLY. ATMOSPHERE, WHICH WAS CORDIAL THROUGHOUT, IMPROVED  
AS TALKS PROGRESSED. CHINESE CONVEYED IMPRESSION OF SELF-  
CONFIDENCE AND OPTIMISM ABOUT RECENT POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS  
IN THEIR COUNTRY.

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3. CHINESE ATTITUDES TOWARD THE SOVIET UNION AT ALL LEVELS  
WERE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR PUBLIC POSITIONS. CHINESE VIEW  
THE SOVIETS AS TRYING TO GAIN STRATEGIC SUPREMACY OVER THE  
US AND AS BENT ON SEEKING WORLD HEGEMONY. THEY ARE DIS-  
TRUSTFUL OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE USSR AND BELIEVE THAT ANY-  
THING THAT SMACKS OF "APPEASEMENT" WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE

AGGRESSIVE SOVIET BEHAVIOR. MAIN CHINESE CONCERN

OBVIOUSLY WAS THAT WE NOT LET DOWN OUR GUARD OR BECOME BLASE IN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE. THE SECRETARY INTRODUCED THE DISCUSSION OF GLOBAL POLICIES WITH A FORCEFUL STATEMENT OF US DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN OUR STRENGTH AND MEET THE SOVIET CHALLENGE.

4. IT WAS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSIONS THAT CHINESE HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR PRESIDENT TITO AS A LEADER WHO HAS DISPLAYED HARD-HEADED REALISM AND TOUGHNESS IN DEALING WITH THE SOVIET UNION. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY FACTOR OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE TO PEKING AT THE PRESENT TIME.

5. DISCUSSIONS OF MIDDLE EAST CENTERED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM. CHINESE AS USUAL WERE STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF ARAB POSITIONS AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT US SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL MIGHT CONFLICT WITH OUR EFFORTS TO WORK EFFECTIVELY WITH KEY ARAB STATES SUCH AS EGYPT AND TO PRODUCE PROGRESS TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE SETTLEMENT. THEY APPEARED WORRIED THAT A CONTINUED STALEMATE IN THE AREA MIGHT WORK TO OUR DISADVANTAGE. CHINESE LISTENED CAREFULLY AS SECRETARY EXPLAINED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR RELATIONS WITH THE ARAB STATES, AND THEY SEEMED SATISFIED THAT IMMEDIATE TRENDS IN THE AREA WERE NOT WORKING TO OUR DETRIMENT.

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6. THERE WAS ONLY BRIEF DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL TRADE MATTERS WHICH DID NOT TOUCH ON CHINESE INTENTIONS WITH RESPECT TO INTERNATIONAL TRADE.  
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